

Notice of Allowability

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10/792,073

Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment received on 8/27/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-2, 7-26 (to be renumbered as 1-23).
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with James Dobrow on Thursday, November 15, 2007. Examiner and applicant agreed that claim 26 be amended to recite a "tangible computer-readable medium" in replacement of a "machine readable medium". This is to distinguish a tangible computer readable medium as found in the specification on page 13, line 34 from intangible computer readable mediums as defined on page 14, first paragraph. The whole of the preamble to claim 26 now reads as follows:

The application has been amended as follows:

26. (currently amended) A tangible computer-readable machine ~~readable~~ medium, having encoded thereon program code, wherein, when the program code is executed by a computer machine, the computer machine implements a method for identifying correspondence between an original video sequence comprising a plurality of original frames and a processed video sequence comprising a plurality of processed frames, the method comprising: (a) dividing the processed video sequence into a plurality of processed sets, each processed set having one or more

processed frames; (b) identifying, for each processed set, one or more original sets from the original video sequence, wherein: each original set comprises one or more original frames; and two or more original sets are identified for at least one processed set; (c) generating a mapping for each original set corresponding to each processed set, wherein: the mapping defines, for the original set, a mapped set that approximates the corresponding processed set; and the mapping minimizes a local prediction error between the mapped set and the corresponding processed set; and (d) selecting, for each processed set, the original set whose mapping minimizes an accumulated prediction error for the processed video sequence; wherein generating each mapping involves minimizing the local prediction error using processing that (1) treats temporal, spatial, and histogram registration as three parameter sets, (2) fixes two of the three parameter sets, while optimizing the third, and (3) iterates on all three parameter sets until an optimal solution is found.

In addition to the amendment to claim 26, examiner and applicant agreed to delete the attorney docket number at the end of the sentence under the heading "Cross-Reference to Related Applications", page 1 lines 4-5. That sentence now reads:

This application claims the benefit of the filing date of U.S. provisional application no. 60/452,153, filed on 03/05/03, ~~as attorney docket no. SAR 14754.~~

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jared W. Radkiewicz whose telephone number is (571) 270-1577. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 - 5:00 EST.

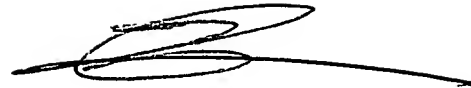
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vikkram Bali can be reached on (571) 272-7415. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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